

# The Northfield Press

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## Memorial for Miss Mary Dalton Planned Here

Many persons have wished to contribute to a memorial for Miss Mary E. Dalton, who taught in the public schools of Northfield so faithfully from 1912 until her death in January of this year.

After much discussion on suggestions offered it was decided a display case would be the goal.

A glass shelved wall case, which could be locked for the displaying of hobbies, art collections, valued heirlooms, or articles made by the children, placed in the corridor of Center School with a plaque honoring Miss Dalton, would be a suitable memorial.

Children may contribute at both Center School and the high school and other donations may be left with Thomas Hurley at the post office and Julian Barber at the drug store or turned in to the office of the superintendent.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY ASKS APPROVAL OF ARTICLE 48

Mrs. Elsie S. Scott, president of the Northfield Historical Society, today issued the following statement:

"Should the Town of Northfield vote under article 48 in the warrant to transfer the Town's right, title and interest in the museum building, formerly the Pine St. School, to the Northfield Historical Society, the building and land would be tax exempt, according to State law, because of its educational purpose. Furthermore, this land was the gift from D. L. Moody to the Town for educational purposes.

Townfolk may know that Northfield is the second oldest town of Franklin county and as such is rich in local history, second only to Old Deerfield, which resembles as a school and historical town. The Northfield Historical Society with the Museum is endeavoring to keep fresh the memory of Northfield's worthy record and would appreciate the Town's continued ownership of the museum. The society does considerable work gratis. It appreciates the Town's cooperation, especially a few years ago in three successive years of re-roofing and painting the exterior. Consequently, such major jobs are not needed again for some time.

"Bernardston, in selling some of its former school buildings, thereby putting them on the tax list, did not need one building reserved for a museum, for theirs is in the library building, a gift to the town. Springfield taxes even pay the curator at their historical museum, the William Pynchon House, named for the founder of Springfield, and associated with the city library. Civic support for such museums is reasonable. It is also noted that Orange includes theirs in the Community Chest."

## Overnight Camping Enjoyed by Scouts

During the school vacation of last week the following Scouts hiked to their Boy Scout camp in Winchester from the Boy Scout headquarters in the center of town.

They were: Explorer Scouts Russell Reed and John Stacey with Scouts David Westin, Whit Snow, Jerry Scott, Dana Caldwell, Ronald Jordan, Fred Walbridge and Roger Reed.

The boys had a well rounded program including a hike to the new television tower being constructed on the top of the mountain.

Troop Chairman W. W. Sanderson spent the night with the boys and reports a temperature of 4° above zero.

## Town Election, Annual Meeting

Town election will be held at town hall Monday, March 4, with polls open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. All Northfield citizens are reminded that town meeting will begin at 7 p.m. the same day. All are urged to attend.

## PROPERTY SALES

Recent property sales in Northfield as recorded at the county clerk's office are as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Norman E. Whitney to Lawrence N. Whitney, property on east side of Main St. George H. Sheldon, Inc., to Mr. and Mrs. Norman E. Whitney, property on east side of Birnam Rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross L. Spencer to Elizabeth M. Spencer, property on west side of Main St.

Hazel G. Purrington to Mary Jane Carpenter and Betty Jean Bradley, both of West Hartford, Conn., property on east side of Birnam Rd.

Property taken for non-payment of taxes: 7½ acres, Side Hill lot, from Mrs. Nellie Wall; lot 48 Rustic Ridge, from Mrs. Esther Geldert; 4 acres Merrian lot, 100 acres Great Hill Pasture, 101 acres Field lot and 40 acres Savage lot, all from William Stratford of North Leverett. Deeds were recorded by town treasurer Charles Slate.

## School Records Set At Mt. Hermon

Suffield Academy defeated Mt. Hermon's team in a basketball game Wednesday, Feb. 20, despite good scoring on the part of Pruitt and TerKille.

Summary:  
Mt. Hermon  
Cino, f 1-2-4; Pruitt, f 2-3-7; Tolsdorf, c 1-0-2; McLean, g 2-0-4; terKille, g 1-6-8; Muendel, f 0-0-0; Allen, g 0-0-0; DeLeeuw, g 0-1-1. Totals, 7-12-26.

Suffield Academy  
Locke, f 3-1-7; Daly, f 2-6-10; Smith, c 0-2-2; Kowalczyk, g 6-0-12; Sheridan, g 0-2-2; Jenckes, f 3-2-7; Mannheim, f 0-0-0; Schulz, f 0-0-0; Sumner, c 0-1-1; Atkinson, g 1-0-2. Totals, 15-13-43.

Scorer, Zimmerman; timer, Sundel.

Mt. Hermon handily defeated Worcester Academy in a wrestling match last week, 29-14.

Two new school records were set in a swimming event against University of Massachusetts freshmen at Amherst, Feb. 20. Events follow:

50 yard free style: B. Knight, 24.9; Ames, Gregory, Doherty.

100 yard breast stroke: Bary, 1:03.4 (new school record); Wadhams, Muzzka.

200 yard free style: Hanson, 2:18.1; Moses, Thompson, Morency.

100 yard back stroke: Morrow, 1:04.5; Williams, Stockbower, Bernier.

100 yard free style: Hennigan, 59.1; Knapp, Keay, Schoolcraft.

Fancy diving: Webster, 51.35; Shanet, Mitchell.

150 yard ind. medley: Bary, 1:36.2 (new school record); Pond, Sheae.

200 yard medley relay: Stockbower, Russell, 2:09.2; Wadhams, Lubin; Williams, Muzzka; J. Knight, Schoolcraft.

200 yard relay: Doherty, Ames; Knapp, Lubin; B. Knight, J. Knight; Gregory, Hennigan.

## New Jurors Named

The names of Robert Schepp and Eleanor Stange were drawn as jurors for the misdemeanor court session on March 25 at the last selectmen's meeting.



The project of widening Gulf Road is progressing rapidly. Shown here is some of the steel for the bridge.

—Photo by James Carpenter

## Cub Scouts Mark First Anniversary At Dinner Here Saturday Night

Our less-than-a-year-old Cub Scouts spent a wonderful evening Saturday evening at their first blue and gold banquet at the Town Hall, attended by about 200 persons.

There are seven dens in the local Cub Pack 49, and den mothers, other officials and parents attended. Attractive anniversary cakes prepared by the den mothers were specially significant and the tables were decorated with table mats and place cards made by the boys themselves.

A brief program preceded the award presentations. Singing was led by Chick Caron, chairman of the Cub pack committee. Winthrop Sanderson of the Northfield Boy Scout Committee presented a charter to the Parent Teacher Association, the sponsoring organization. It was accepted by Dr. Richard Mercer, representative of the P.T.A.

Mr. Sanderson presented den chief cords to Peter Leach, Richard Maynard, Roger Reed and Charles Petschke in recognition of their work. Robert Hanrahan was named den chief for the newly formed Den 7. These are Boy Scouts who help with the Cub Scout groups.

The following boys received awards: James Anderson, lion badge, gold and two silver; Robert Wyman, completed wolf badge; Ronald Tie, silver and lion badge; Robert Livingston, one silver on a wolf badge; Jay Stearns, gold on wolf badge; Joe Bartus, bobcat pin.

The adults working on behalf of the Cub Scout work here are: Burton Rogers, cub master; William Butler, assistant cubmaster; Chuck Caron, chairman of the cub pack committee; Dr. Ansel True, Norman Fowler, Douglas Jones, Clayton Glazier, Delbert Ingram and Harold Wyman, pack committee members.

Den Mothers and assistants are: Den 1, Mrs. Carlene Holton and Mrs. Olive Stone; Den 2, Mrs. Walter Clark and Mrs. Lucy Edson; Den 3, Mrs. Dorothy Rogers and Mrs. Leslie Gibson. Den 4, Mrs. Lillian Tie and Mrs. Priscilla Person; Den 5, Mrs. James Goodwin and Mrs. Robert Huber; Den 6, Mrs. Douglas Jones and Mrs. June Stearns, and Den 7, Mrs. Barnard Hall and Mrs. James Hanrahan.

These folks all spend a lot of time and work with these young people and all of us should express our appreciation to them. May they have an even better year this coming year.

TOWN MEETING  
Monday, March 4

## Republicans Plan To Provide Transportation To Town Election

At a meeting Tuesday night in town hall, the Republican Town Committee made plans for furnishing transportation to the polls in Monday's town election. Roy Hatch was made chairman of the committee. Persons desiring transportation are requested to make reservations by dialing 577 by Monday evening.

Mrs. Evelyn Parker presided at the meeting in the absence of Robert Barnes.

## 'Over the Top' in Heart Fund Drive

The Northfield Heart Fund drive went over its quota for 1957. It was announced today by Mrs. Albert Anderson of Warwick Ave. Receipts to date are \$445, with the coin collection boxes yet to be counted.

Mrs. Anderson has expressed her gratitude to the captains and solicitors who helped, and to the contributors who put the drive "over the top."

## Pomona Grange Meets in Montague

The Connecticut Valley Pomona Grange met at Montague Monday evening with a supper served by Montague Grange at 7 o'clock; the business meeting opening at 8 o'clock.

It was legislative night and the three Franklin County Commissioners were present as guest speakers.

Carlos Allen of Deerfield spoke about the county highways and especially of Mt. Sugar Loaf Reservation and the legislative proceedings concerning it which may take place this week.

Harry Koch of Greenfield told about the extensive work of the Franklin County Extension Service and the 4-H Clubs.

Frank Reed of Greenfield summarized the duties of the commissioners and spoke of the accomplishments of former men in that office.

Guests were present from the Franklin - Worcester Pomona, the Worcester-West Pomona and the Hampshire County Pomona granges. Montague Grange was awarded the attendance prize.

Two groups were named for the one-act play contest. Group one Continued on Page Four

## Public Forum In Discussion Of Warrant

The public forum held last evening at the Town Hall sponsored by the Civic Council was most interesting, although the attendance was smaller than previous years. There were about 30 present.

Ed Hevley, president, presided, and the articles of the town warrant were taken in order and discussed at some length, with town officials present to explain and answer questions. Among the interesting facts are these:

The requests by the welfare department for a total of \$52,500 is the smallest sum for many years—the lowest since Mrs. Kehi has been our welfare agent.

Much work is planned for the Gulf Road this year. All the money to be made available under Article 8 will be used there.

F. Sumner Turner, school superintendent, gave an extensive report explaining the school budget, which includes the cost of a kindergarten to be held at the Center School when the Regional High School is opened—also the cost of completely redecorating Alexander Hall when the school no longer needs to use it and the work can be done expeditiously. Teachers' salaries will begin this year at \$3,300 (for new teachers—which Mr. Turner expects will be very difficult to find).

Article 22 asking for \$1,000 for summer playground work brought forth many comments but as there was no one present to explain the plan, no real information was secured.

It was reported that there is in Surplus Revenue at the present time \$64,803.24—interesting as many articles suggest that money be taken from surplus revenue.

## Handling of Guns May Be Taught Here

In recent years sportsmen of the Commonwealth have been instrumental in making instruction in the handling and use of guns available to the young people who desire to hunt during the annual fall hunting season. The local Fish and Game Association has helped sponsor a class of instruction in past years, the boys desirous of entering the class being transported to Greenfield.

This year the Department of Natural Resources will conduct such a class here in Northfield if there are boys and girls of sufficient number for such a class. They must be 15 years of age before next December. Any who are interested should contact Dick Field, our Town Clerk, as soon as possible. His phone number is 909.

It is the law that a young person between 15 and 18 years of age cannot hunt alone unless they have a certificate from one of these classes or had a license previous to the enactment of this law.

Parents of young people anxious to use a gun should make every effort to have them attend these classes and be taught by experts.

## CIVIL DEFENSE MEETING HELD

Nearly 50 persons attended a Civil Defense meeting Tuesday night at which the new reserve system of the Ground Observer Corps was explained. Air Force Sgts. John Hampton and Kerna were the speakers.

Regular meetings for defense wardens will be set up in the near future, it was said. Plans for a housing survey and a survival program were discussed.

Col. Arthur Schupe of Greenfield, director for this sector, was the principal speaker.

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## CROSSTOWN

By Roland Coe



"I suppose I really ought to thank you for letting my boys have several loads of snow from your yard."

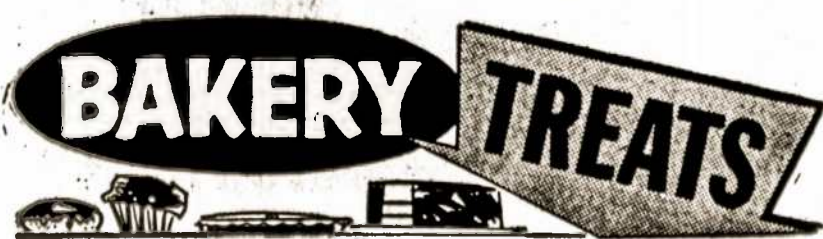
## Bernardston Notes

On Saturday, March 2, the American Legion Auxiliary of Bernardston will sponsor a food sale at the Bernardston Town Hall at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Saturday evening, March 2, the Bernardston Parent Teacher Association will serve a public spaghetti dinner at the Elementary School cafeteria from 5:30 to 7 o'clock. The menu will include

Italian spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian bread, tossed salad, home made pies, coffee and milk. All you can eat! 99c. for adults, 50c for children. Reservations which will be appreciated may be made by calling Foster's Market in Greenfield or Charles Page or the Bernardston Elementary School. The supper committee members are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Page and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Foster.

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Mrs. F. H. Mosse, Director of Christian Education  
Mrs. Irving J. Lawrence, Choir Director

Mrs. Belle C. Marden, Organist  
Saturday, March 2. Food sale at the Cregar Hardware sponsored by the Pilgrim Fellowship of Young People. The food sale starts at 10:30. Patronage appreciated. The money made will be added to the fund for the New York trip.

Sunday, March 3:  
9:45 a.m. Church School. Adult Bible Class meeting in north tower room.

9:45 a.m. Pastor's Class in church membership for the eighth grade and high school age meeting in the balcony worship room.

11:00 a.m. Public worship. Sermon subject, "The Fourth Beatitude." Observance of Holy Communion. Pre-school age children attended by students from the Northfield School for Girls.

6:30 p.m. Pilgrim Fellowship of Young People meeting in the vestry. Lois Heseltun will lead devotions. Three foreign students from the Northfield School for Girls will be guests and will speak.

7:45 p.m. Choir rehearsal.

Officers and teachers of the Church School will meet in the vestry on Monday at 7:45 p.m. Following departmental meetings, there will be a study of "Our Belief in Jesus."

A potluck Lenten family supper will be served in the vestry on Thursday at 6:30 by Mrs. Owen Stacey and her Committee of Guild Women. Each family is to bring a hot meat or fish dish or a salad or a dessert. The great and successful motion picture, "Martin Luther," will be shown.

The women of the church are attending the World Day of Prayer service to be held at the Second Congregational Church, Greenfield, on Friday at 2:30.

### ADVENT CHRISTIAN SOUTH VERNON

10:30 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
10:30 a.m.—Junior School.  
11:45 a.m.—Sunday School.  
6:30 p.m.—Loyal Workers.  
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service.

### NORTHFIELD BAPTIST

REV. PAUL BUBAR, Pastor  
10 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11 a.m.—Morning Worship  
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service

### GOSPEL SERVICE NO. 3 COMMUNITY

11 a.m. Morning worship by Rev. Arthur Green, guest speaker.  
12 noon, Sunday School  
6:15 p.m., Young people's meeting, led by Rachel Browning.  
7:30 p.m., Evening service.  
Monday, March 4, 7:30 p.m., Cottage Prayer Meeting at the home of Mrs. Homer Browning, Sr.

Friday, March 8, 3 p.m., choir rehearsal; 3:30 p.m., Sing and Bring Club; 7:30, Friday Prayer and Bible Study.

Saturday, March 9, listen over Station WHAI from 10:05 to 10:30 a.m. to Sing and Bring Club time.

### ST. PATRICK'S

Rev. Henry McKeon, Pastor  
Rev. Anthony Rzassa, Curate  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School  
8:30 a.m.—Mass  
No Christian Doctrine class will be held this Sunday.

### Northfield Baptist

The Hour of Prayer will meet at 7:30 Friday.

Advent Christian, South Vernon Sunday morning worship service at 10:30 a.m. Subject, "Christ, Your Minister." The Lord's Supper will be served. The subject for



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## WCTU Hears of Life of Miss Willard

The Women's Christian Temperance union met Wednesday afternoon at the home of the president, Mrs. Arthur J. Green.

The resignation of the treasurer, Mrs. Bertha Lazelle, was read and regrettably accepted. Mrs. Lazelle, nearing 90, has carried her duties as treasurer with high efficiency for many years and has always kept in close touch with state and national temperance legislation. Rev. Arthur J. Green, who has been carrying on the duties of the office since last October on account of the poor health of Mrs. Lazelle, was voted acting treasurer for the balance of the fiscal year.

the evening service at 7:30 p.m. will be "The Man from Missouri."

Monday, March 4, the Good Neighbors will meet at 8 p.m. Each member can bring a guest.

There will be a prayer meeting at the church Thursday at 7:45 p.m.

### UNITARIAN

Worship Service at 9:45 will be guest Sunday for people to feel welcome to come. Each member is to invite a friend. The sermon will be a sermon conversation with Rev. and Mrs. Slater taking part. The topic is "Ten Commandments." Sunday School will be at 11 a.m.

Youth meeting will be at 7 p.m. with a special recreation period from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Men's Club will meet Monday at 6:30 for dinner and speaker.

## DIES AT AGE 56

Mrs. Hazel G. Purrington of Birnam Road, East Northfield, died Feb. 17 in West Hartford, Conn. She was the widow of Leroy F. Purrington.

She was associated with the Northfield School for Girls for many years, as head of Moore Cottage, 1938-1943; South Hall in the Northfield Hotel, 1943-1946; and Revell-Holton dormitories from 1946 to 1956. Soon after school started this fall, she became ill and went to Connecticut to be near her two daughters, who survive her. They are Mrs. David Bradley and Mrs. James Carpenter, both of West Hartford.

Mrs. Purrington was born April 27, 1898, in St. Louis, Mo., the daughter of Edward D. and Josephine Stoffel Gordon. She is also survived by one brother, Peter A. Gordon of Minneapolis, and five grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at the Church of the Redeemer, West Hartford, with burial in Haydenville, Conn.

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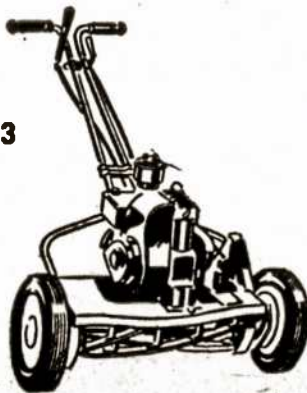
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## Social and Personal News Notes of the Northfield Area

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Martha Jane Bigelow, who was a student at The Springfield Hospital, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bigelow of Maple St., all week. On Friday she will return to Springfield for "capping." She was a member of the Student Faculty at the hospital.

Jeff Baker of the Mt. Hermon faculty was awarded third prize in a chess tournament at Springfield last Friday night.

Students at Northfield School for Girls who have paintings in the exhibit being shown at the WHAI Art Gallery in Greenfield through March 4, are: Phyllis Kidder, Constance Ackerman, Carolyn Kibbe, Suzanne Lebo, Diane MacKinnon, Marty Fowler and Lina Stevenson.

Donald Hiller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Hiller of Main St., has a major role in the musical comedy, "Paint Your Wagon," to be presented at University of Massachusetts March 26 to 30. Donald is a sophomore at the university.

Next meeting of the Franklin County Horseshoe League will be March 5 at 8 p.m. at the Polish American Citizens Club, 44 Hope St., Greenfield. Plans will be made for the tournaments, which may start in April. Shelburne Falls and Turners Falls will enter teams in the league this year.

Anyone wishing to attend the Boston Flower Show March 11 will please notify I. J. Lawrence or Mrs. Mark Aldrich.

Mrs. Blanche Mitchell entertained 31 guests at a pink and blue shower for Mrs. Eugene Murray of South Vernon.

Miss Shiela Kerylow of Greenfield spent the school vacation with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hillock.

On Feb. 26 a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strange, Sr., of South Vernon, was born at Franklin County Hospital; child of the Richard Ruths.

Miss Miriam Trowbridge, who has been in the Brattleboro Hospital for several weeks, has returned to her home at the Valley Vista Inn.

Louis Potts, who has been in Brattleboro Hospital for several weeks has returned to the Northfield Hotel.

Miss Katherine Durgin of Providence, R. I., has been visiting her great grandmother, Mrs. L. H. Lazelle. She brought with her a friend, Donna Hickman. On Sunday Miss Florence Durgin and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Durgin of Roslindale visited Mrs. Lazelle and her daughter, Mrs. Russell Durgin.

On Feb. 22 a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Szetaka in the Farren Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Charles Spears has been entertaining Ens. and Mrs. Robert Kitchel of Portland, Maine, and Mrs. Levi Palmer of Waterford, Conn.

Members of the Holy Name Society working on the doughnut drive in South Vernon are F. H. Caron and Valentine Plotczyk. They report they have sold 109 dozen.

Miss Lucille Bolton of Boston has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bolton.

Miss Julie Barnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Barnes spent the vacation week from school visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Edgar Middleton in Lee, Mass.

Dr. and Mrs. Walter Chapin of New Rochelle and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Chapin spent the Washington Birthday weekend at their home here attending the Brattleboro ski meet.

Mary Ellen Barnes was a mem-

ber of the Wesleyaires program on TV Channel 22 Thursday afternoon.

On Tuesday evening "Jim Robinson" of Rabbit Hollow and New York City fame will be on The Big Surprise TV program. Rev. Robinson speaks at both of the Northfield Schools, and many local people have helped with his camp for white and black boys and girls at Rabbit Hollow.

The American Legion held their monthly meeting in their club rooms Monday evening.

The Northfield - Mt. Hermon community was represented in the Brattleboro ski meet last Sunday by John Bassett. For many years Mr. Bassett's parents were on the Mt. Hermon staff. John was a skier and singer during his school days and later captain of the

Dartmouth ski team. He has been stationed near Denver, Colo., with an army mountain climbing and ski group.

Lt. and Mrs. Philip E. Huber have moved into their new home at Leeward Cottage, Emerson Road, Jamestown, R. I. Huber is now doing radio work in Jamestown.

The second teenage dance was sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. The record player was furnished by Sidney Given, Jr., Northfield's TV expert.

Glenn A. Weeks gave a talk on birds at the Ladies' Literary Society.

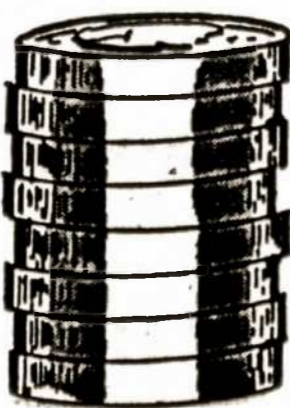
On Thursday, Feb. 21, Mrs. Edward M. Powell and her son Ted Powell talked on the telephone with Virginia Powell McDonald in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Mrs. Mc-

Donald called from her hospital bed to advise her family and that of Harry McDonald, her husband, that on the 19th a son had been born, David Andrew. This is the second son and fourth child of the McDonalds. Hitherto they have always had to communicate by cable but now a telephone service has been put through which makes an Arabian-United States call quite clear. The six McDonalds expect to arrive home the end of June for their biennial furlough from Aramco. They have already rented the Callaghan house on the north shore of Spofford Lake.

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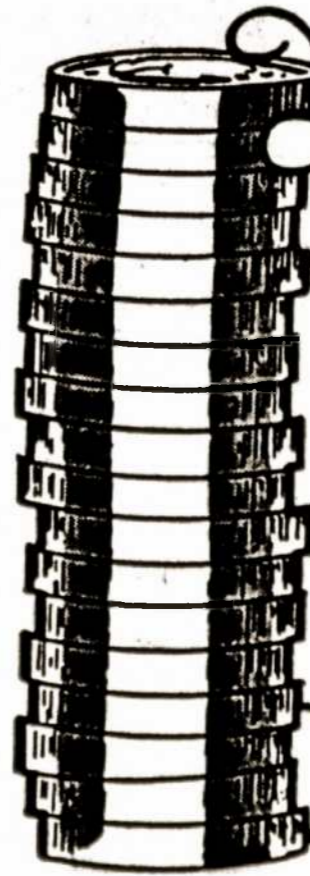
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Friends of Mrs. Sinclair Sutherland, formerly of East Northfield, will be interested to know that she has gone to the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, for a series of operations. Mrs. Sutherland has been living recently in Greenfield.

Mrs. Bessie Reed is critically ill at the Monadnock Community Hospital, Peterboro, N. H.

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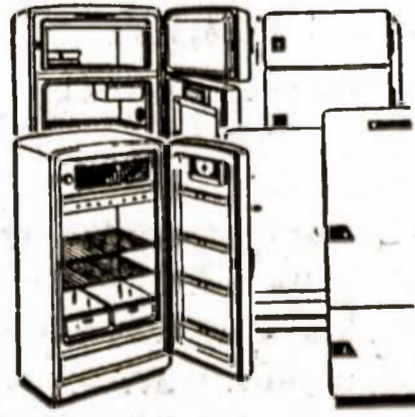
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## Mrs. L'Hommedieu Dies at Age 96

Mrs. Hattie M. (Wheeler) L'Hommedieu died Tuesday night at Vernon Green, Vernon, Vt. She had observed her 96th birthday on Feb. 5.

She was born in Bethel, Conn., the daughter of Alonzo and Mary (Smith) Wheeler and was the widow of Daniel L'Hommedieu. She lived most of her life in Norwalk, Conn. and had spent the past 19 summers with her son Carleton W. L'Hommedieu of the Mt. Hermon School faculty at his summer cottage in the Ridge section of Northfield.

Mrs. L'Hommedieu had a wide circle of friends among the summer residents. Besides her son she leaves a daughter, Miss Marion L'Hommedieu of Norwalk, Conn. No funeral services will be held here and burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Norwalk, at 2 p.m. Saturday. Dr. Howard B. Warren, pastor of East Avenue Methodist Church of Norwalk, will officiate.

## Pomona Grange Meets in Montague

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will consist of Whately, Guiding Star and Sunderland Granges. Group two consists of Bernardston, Northfield and Montague granges. The winning play will be presented at the next Pomona Grange meeting March 25. The dates for the play-offs will be announced later.

Mrs. Edith Newton of Montague was made an honorary member. She has been a member of the subordinate Grange 50 years, the Pomona Grange 47 years, the State Grange 44 years and the National Grange 43 years.

A good group of Northfield Grangers attended the meeting.

## Garden Club Discusses "Dutch Elm Disease"

A good group of interested folks, garden club members and others last evening heard Dr. D. Francis Holmes of the University of Massachusetts speak about the Dutch elm disease that has been so disastrous to our elm trees here in Northfield. He showed a film which in color and sound showed the ravages of the disease, how it is spread, and the possibilities of its control. Dr. Holmes answered questions from those present which brought out these pertinent facts. The elm bark beetles which carry the Dutch elm disease fungus have to lay their eggs in galleries under the bark of dead elm wood or weakened trees. Therefore all dying elms or freshly cut elm wood should be burned. Sanitation is the best and cheapest means of control.

Joseph Bilmon, our gypsy moth agent, introduced Dr. Holmes and urged all who have trees suspiciously weakened or with wilting leaves to notify him or see that a sample of the wood is obtained for laboratory tests. Over one hundred trees are now to be cut and destroyed here in Northfield, and that number has already been destroyed. He said that anyone who had elm wood or branches to be destroyed could bring them to the town area on St. Mary Street—Mt. Zooley—and they would be burned.

In answer to the question as to what is to be done with the stumps now on Main St. from which the bark has been removed he said that these will be removed by the state probably under contract by fall. By removing the bark the elm bark beetles can not find shelter—so if you have elm wood be sure that the bark at least is removed and burned.

To open this program Mrs. Raymond Parenteau, president of the club, introduced Mrs. Samuel Bishop who showed beautiful colored slides of gardens in this country, Europe and Jamaica which she had taken while traveling with her husband.

Preceding the meeting the Garden Club members enjoyed their annual pot luck supper at the Center School lunch room.

These rules have been formulated to save the elms:

1. From October 1 to April 1, cut and burn all dead elm trees and branches which have died since the previous May, regardless of the cause, within 1000 feet of healthy elms you wish to protect. Under no circumstances allow elm wood of any kind to accumulate in woodpiles.

2. Follow latest spray schedule for control of elm bark beetle carriers of the Dutch elm disease fungus, and also employ any other treatment known to control the disease.

3. From late April to early June apply elm spray as needed to control insect and fungus pests that attack leaves, especially the elm leaf beetle. The leaf beetle, which commonly spends the winter in attics of near-by houses, causes serious injury to elm foliage. This injury is often confused with the Dutch elm disease. However, the leaf beetle is not known to be a carrier of the Dutch elm disease fungus, but damages elms as an independent pest.

4. Participate in systematic scouting for Dutch elm disease especially during July. Send carefully selected samples from suspected trees for laboratory tests, as previously indicated.

5. During summer months remove and burn diseased and dead elm material promptly before bark beetles have opportunity to breed. A delay of a month at this season may be an important factor in disease spread.

6. As a substitute for (5) if bark is removed and burned from dead elms, control of bark beetles may be aided, provided removal of bark is thorough.

7. If dead or dying elms, or cut elm wood, discovered during summer cannot be burned or debarked immediately, the bark may be sprayed as the least desirable alternative in control. Latest information on sprays should be followed.

8. Try saving a diseased tree by

## Notes from Center School

School Monitors: Girls' basement, Virginia Beaman, Deborah Mayberry; boys' basement, Dale Clough; bells, Ronald Wickey, Roger Abbey, Barry Webber; patrol, David Pearsall, Jerry Scott, Douglas Walker; lunchroom, Bradley Silver, Ronald Kimball; office boy, Alfred Young; school photographer, James Carpenter.

Mrs. Holt's grade one had charge of the bulletin board displaying examples of work done in arithmetic, phonics, and drawing.

Mrs. Cooks Room Grades 2, 3 Monitors: Blackboard, Sanford Edson; paper, Marion Newell, Michael Powers, Joseph Bartus, Pauline Wood; reading table, Carol Schellinger; paper supply shelf, Marcella Parries; closets, Robert Naterman and Linda Holloway; desks, Joel Wheeler, Robert Walker, Nancy LaBelle, Marilyn Clough.

Mrs. Sheldon's Room Grades 3, 4 Morning exercises, Susan Leonard; story teller, Harry Glazier; girls' closet, Sandra Spencer; boys' closet, Thadd Bistrek; library shelves, Dennis Holloway; window

immediate removal of affected parts, especially in early summer, when a very small limited infection is found.

9. In all contracts involving elm trees (road construction, housing projects, utility construction, line clearance) require the burning or other satisfactory disposal of all elm wood removed.

10. Keep elms as healthy as possible by appropriate use of fertilizer and water according to local needs.

shades, Jay Stearns; bulletin board, Virginia Brasser, Stephen Jones.

The annual seed sale is in progress. Pupils in grades four, five and six will have them for sale through Friday of next week. The commission in late years earned from seeds and photographs has been used toward purchase of the jungle gym, slippery slide, and merry-go-round for use on our school playground. A recent addition is a "five-plins" bowling game.

The writing supervisor, Miss Mamuska, gave the following awards on Wednesday:

Gold seal to Mrs. Bolton's grade one, Mrs. Holt's grade one, Mrs. Haack's grade two, Mrs. Cook's grades two and three; gold star to Mrs. Sheldon's grades three and four, Mrs. Parker's grade five, Mr. Cadwell's grade six; blue star to Mrs. Kozlowski's grade four.

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## Local Grange Hears Deputy Fred Bardwell

The Northfield Grange met Tuesday evening with 29 members present, with guests from Lever-

ett, Whately and Cheshire County Grange of Keene.

Deputy Fred Bardwell was the speaker of the evening, and his subject "The Ritualistic Work of the Grange." The Master of the Leverett Grange also spoke briefly. The completed plans for the supper and card party to be sponsored by the Grange for the Cancer Fund on March 16 were announced.

The next meeting will be held March 12 and will be "Hobo" night. Applications for membership should be in on that evening.

The First and Second Degrees with the annual inspection and a supper will be held April 9.

Thursday evening the Franklin County Tri-S Club is meeting at the Grange Hall.

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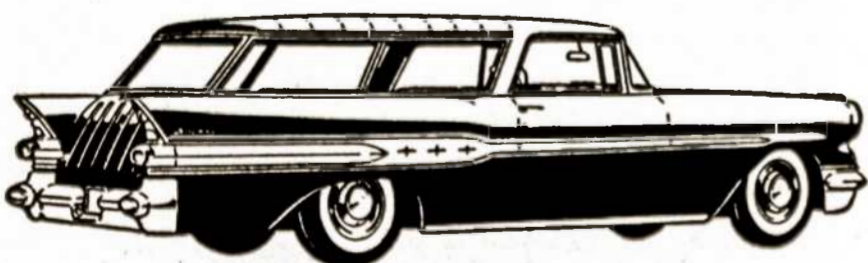
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## News Notes from Northfield Farms

By Mrs. E. Harold Lord

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Billings went to the Boston Ice Follies at Boston Garden, Saturday.

Mrs. Viola Billings has been a guest of honor of numerous showers given in her honor by fellow employees and friends as she finished work at L. S. Starrett Co. last week. She was recently a dinner guest of Miss Nellie Anderson at The Gables. A group from Dept. 8 of Starretts gave her a shower at the Athol House Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Vinten arranged a luncheon and shower Friday evening at the Northfield Hotel where she was honored by friends.

Sgt. Wilfred Clough, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dana Clough, arrived home last night for a short leave from Fort Knox, Ky.

Mrs. Viola Billings, Fred Avery, Mrs. Philip Mann, Jr., and daughters Nancy and Joanne attended the wedding of Mr. Avery's nephew, Donald Hillner of Lawrence, Mass., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Svetaka of Pine Meadow Rd. became the parents of a daughter, Karen Ann, at the Farren Memorial Hospital Friday, Feb. 22. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Mary Lapinski, Millers Falls.

Mrs. Arthur Johnson returned home yesterday. Her son, Russell Allen, born Feb. 24, could not be released at present. The infant's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dana Clough.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Hammond and Mrs. Florence Borthwick were called to Shelton, Conn., because of the sudden death of their brother and son, Herbert H. Brocklesby.

Mrs. Lincoln Hammond is staying with Mrs. Frank Wood for a few days.

## LIBRARY NOTES

Mrs. Florence Phelps, Librarian

Special displays this week at the library are on the subject, "Our American Heritage," to carry on the theme of the past two weeks which featured the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln.

Eleven 8"x12" colored reproductions of some of the famous paintings on the important events in our American history are shown on the peg-board. Other historical scenes shown are from the cover-page of *Liberty* magazine.

On the bulletin board, we have a large map of the United States, showing where events in the history of our country were laid. Also book jackets of books in fiction and non-fiction relating to the subject.

For reserves on any books, ask the librarians and if the book is not in they will be glad to reserve it for you.

A list of some of the newer novels are: Sing One Song, by Miller; And Walk in Love, by Buckmaster; Head of Appolo, by Corbett; Caleb Pettengill, U.S.N., by Eliot; Mary in Command, by Merrell; Captain Little Ax, by James Street; Lighthearted Quest, by Bridge; The White Dove, by Barney. In non-fiction, we have To See the Dream, by Jessamyn West, which is the story of "Friendly Persuasion" being made into a movie.

Books given to the library recently, were presented by Merritt Skilton, Mrs. Alfred LaBelle and Walter Hallam.

Anyone who has a hobby which they would like to display in our library, please contact the librarians. Houseplants, carvings, paintings, collections or fancy work, always make a point of interest to visitors at the library.

The library is open Tuesday and Friday, 1:00 to 8:00 p.m.; on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

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## Glee Club Festival

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The schools sponsoring this annual concert are Deerfield Academy, Kimball Union Academy, Lenox School, Mount Hermon School, Vermont Academy, and Williston Academy.

The combined glee clubs including more than 300 singers will be heard in the opening and closing numbers and each club will present a group of three or four numbers of its own choosing. Selections include folk songs, spirituals and sea chanteys as well as classical and religious numbers.

The Festival is in no sense a contest but rather a cooperative effort on the part of the participating schools to broaden the musical horizons of their students and at the same time to offer the public an evening of good secular music.

The Festival committee has expressed the hope that the public

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will support the project by a large attendance at this free concert.

The food sale sponsored by the Northfield Pilgrim Fellowship is to be held at Cregar's Hardware store in East Northfield Saturday beginning at 10:30 in the morning. The proceeds will go toward the expenses of the New York trip being planned.

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## High School News Notes

Report cards were distributed Wednesday afternoon. As this report marked the completion of 60 per cent of the school year, we learned what our prospects of promotion were. To most of us who have faithfully and satisfactorily done our work during this period of time, our prospects were good. To some who have found other matters of greater interest or importance, their prospects of promotion are not so good. However, we all have the opportunity to improve during the remaining two marking periods.

The following students have received report cards containing all A's for the third marking period: Peggy Streeter in grade 10; Diane Coutu in grade 9; Carolyn Fish and Beverly Phelps in grade 8 and Carol Atwood in grade 7. These five girls deserve much credit for receiving these fine marks.

The following students received all B's or a combination of A's and B's: seniors: Rita Gibson and Stanley Gaida; sophomores—Rachel Browning, Julia Gram, Dorothy Given and Curtis Shine; freshmen—Lois Heselton, Richard Repeta, Judy Rice and Jessie Skinner; Eighth grades—Robert Duncan, Dennis Lanphear, Peter Leach, Brenda Slater, Rhoda Smith, Winthrop Spencer, Marsha Billings, Henry Kazanowski, Joyce Martin, Joyce Roberts and Edwin Witherell; and these seventh graders—James Browning, Patricia Kavanaugh, Gail Leonard, Enid Maynard, Sandra Peterson, Joan

Streeter, Ronald Jordan and Claire Walbridge. Our sincere congratulations go to all these students who are on the honor rolls.

Wednesday at Turners Falls High School our boys played their first game of the Tri State Basketball Tournament. Our team played the Hardwick High School boys. We were no match for them as they went home with an easy victory by a score of 61 to 19. Our boys could not seem to get started. Fred Avery hurt both ankles during the first half of the game and was unable to play any of the second half. Dave Amsden scored 10 points, Richie Repeta seven, and Mike Gibson scored the remaining two points. In the second game of the evening, Barre High beat the boys from Leland and Gray Seminary of Townsend, Vt. On Saturday night at 6:30, our boys will play a consolation game against Leland and Gray.

Robert Birge of the Holyoke office of the social security program spoke to the senior Problems of Democracy class on Monday morning. Mr. Birge explained the program of social security and how and why each one should get a social security number. The students asked several questions concerning the social security laws and rules.

Russell Dean of the seventh grade has returned to school after having spent several days in Florida with his father and mother, Dr. and Mrs. F. Wilton Dean. Russell is exhibiting a tan that is the envy of the other students.

John Thayer and Carol Merrifield have not returned to school yet from their recent trips to the hospital. Both are recovering well and will return to school soon. We shall all be pleased to have them back with us.

Members of the Press Club have been getting ads for the 1957 yearbook. They will complete their solicitation this week end.

It is very evident that the girls who are taking Home Economics have completed their sewing, and have started cooking. The tantalizing aromas emanating from the Home Ec. room yesterday were almost more than some of us could stand. Perhaps some day soon we'll get some samples of the products that give forth these pleasing odors.

### VITAL STATISTICS

#### Births

JOHNSON—At Franklin County Public Hospital, Feb. 24, a son, Russell Allen, weight 5 lbs. 10 oz., to Mrs. Arthur Johnson of Northfield Farms; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Dana Clough.

SVETAKA—At Farren Memorial Hospital, Feb. 22, a daughter, Karen Ann, 8 lbs. 11 oz., to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Svetaka of Pine Meadow Rd., Northfield Farms; granddaughter of Mrs. Mary Lapinski, Millers Falls.

#### Deaths

BROCKLESBY — In Huntington, Conn., Feb. 26, Herbert Brocklesby, 51, formerly of Millers Falls and Greenfield.

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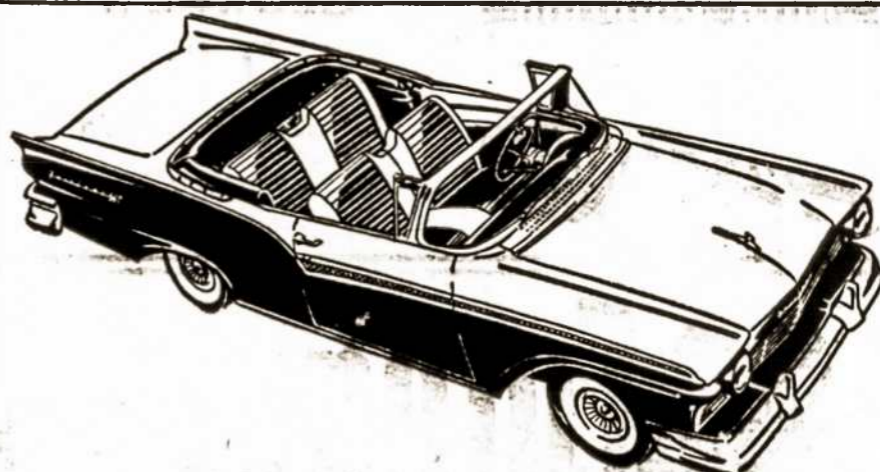
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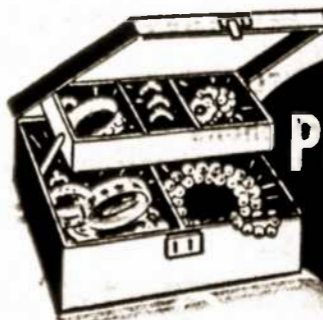


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